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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Reginald L. Alexander

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-6,8-10,12-14,16,17,19-21 and 23-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9,10,12-14,16,21 and 23-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-6,17,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claim 26 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The inventions as claimed do not overlap in scope, i.e. are mutually exclusive.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 26 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hedenberg '840 in view of Morino et al.

There is disclosed in Hedenberg a bread maker comprising a main body 200 having an oven compartment 212 with a front opening, a door 204 to open and close the front opening, a pair of kneading drums 230, 232 inside the compartment, a mixing bag 100, a drum driver (not shown) to rotate the drums, a heater (col. 2, lines 46,47) inside the oven compartment, and a heater driver (not shown) to operate the heater, the

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bread maker comprising: a controller (col. 4, lines 25-60) controlling the rotation of the drums and operation of the heater.

Morino discloses, in a bread maker, a door sensor and controller 147, 148a for controlling the kneading operation and heating operation of the bread maker as a result of the sensor sensing if the door is open or closed. Additionally, Morino discloses a display means 198 to warn the user that the door is open.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the bread maker of Hedenberg with the door sensor and control taught in Morino, in order to prevent operation of the device if the door is open.

In regards to the kneading drum rotation direction and calculation of a predetermined elapsed time, such is an operational step of the device and is a result of programming of the controller. There is no structural limitations being defined.

The claim fails to disclose a means for calculating the elapsed time.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 10, 12-14, 16, 21 and 23-25 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 21 December 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's recitation of elapsed time calculation, as presented in the claims, is operational and not structural. All of the structural limitations of the claims have been met by the prior art. The operation of the controller can be set by the user. Thus, this limitation has not been given patentable weight. There is nothing in the prior art which

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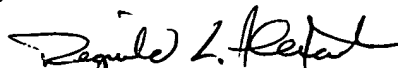
would preclude the controller from operating in the manner recited by Applicant in the claims. Applicant has failed to recite any structure associated with the controller that would measure or calculate elapsed time. Thus, the claimed controller is not structurally different than that disclosed in the prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reginald L. Alexander whose telephone number is 571-272-1395. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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